

June 2011 Overview

Sequoia Backcountry Trail Crew

Paul Hancock: Supervisor

On the 27th of May our crew drove to Weaverville and spent our weekend working on odd jobs and organizing gear. We also fenced in and tilled the garden for the benefit of the Shasta-Trinity Crew in the near future. On Memorial Day we were taught a cross-cut saw use and tool re-handling techniques by Lee Bundy and we also managed to attend a memorial service. On the 31st of May, we drove to Hobo Gulch Trailhead and hiked 5 miles on the North Fork Trail to Rattlesnake Camp Site on the North Fork of the Shasta-Trinity.

WORK: Our work for the next couple of weeks consisted of maintenance and logouts of Morrison Gulch Trail (until we met snow at 5,200'), North Fork Trail, Rattlesnake Creek Trail, and Bob's Farm Trail. Bob's Farm Trail was our biggest project to date with 40 downed trees and 3,000' elevation gain in 3 miles.

RECREATION: Our weekend jaunts consisted of day hikes to Jorstad Cabin, Morrison Cabin, mine exploring, and one amazing hike/scramble to frozen Papoose Lake.

Yolla Bollys: On the 12th of June our crew left the North Fork of the Shasta-Trinity to spend the remaining 2 weeks in the Yolla Bollys. Most of our time was spent brushing white thorn on the Humboldt Trail.

CURRICULUM: Finished Mission Statement, tool re-handling and crosscut use by Lee Bundy, Wilderness First Aid by Raul Gallegos, Q&A with Ken Graves and crew Q&A.

HAPPENINGS: Paul Weber resigned. Raul Gallegos out on medical separation and hopefully to return.

It is now the 24th of June and we have arrived in Sequoia National Park. Our sponsors and our crew are excited to spend the next 2.5 months here at Mineral King and Hockett Meadow.

Our crew would like to thank: Yosemite crew for their hospitality, Kirby Fosgate, Chris Pereira and all the folks in Big Basin for their support, our cooks Doug Vanderberg and Lara Gunter for taking good care of us, Lee Bundy for hiking past his 10-mile limit for 2 weeks, Matt Carson, our interns Zach Williams and Tracy McClelland for their support and everyone else who has supported us.

MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is guided by citizens and veterans who have chosen to dedicate a season of our lives to the conservation of the environment in some of California's most precious forests and parks. Working hard is our routine through wind, rain and snow, building and maintaining trails that others before us have done with pride and honor for future generations. In this time, we will also build friendships, a strong community and a new sense of self. Through our service to the public, we hope to share the inspiration that we receive from the beauty of the backcountry.

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